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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

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EXDIS - FOR PORTER FROM AATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, SA, JO

SUBJECT: AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR JORDAN

REFS: (A) JIDDA 070510Z APR 76, (B) STATE 65708, (C)

STATE 74947

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, KING HUSSEIN WAS MOST DISCREET IN HIS COMMENTS RE PROBLEM OF SAUDI FINANCING OF ARMS DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR JORDAN. HE DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT WITH MEDIA. HIS REMARKS ON ISSUES AND ANSWERS TV PROGRAM WERE IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION PUT TO HIM ABOUT JORDANIAN PLANS PURCHASE HAWK MISSILES. HUSSEIN TOOK LINE THAT JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH SAUDIS. WHEN PRESSED WHETHER HIS RESPONSE MEANT THAT HE MIGHT TURN TO SOVIET UNION, HUSSEIN DID NOT CLOSE DOOR TO POSSIBILITY THAT JORDAN WOULD GO TO OTHER SUPPLIERS. THE FOCUS OF THE QUESTIONING WAS ON SOVIETS AND NOT ON SAUDIS.

2. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO MAKE APPROACH OUTLINED IN REF (B) AND (C) TO SAUDIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS THAT END-OF-APRIL DEADLINE CANNOT

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REPEAT NOT BE EXTENDED ANY FURTHER. GIVEN SHORT TIME FUSE,

I HOPE YOU ABLE TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE WITH SAUDIS DURING  
YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH PRINCE SAUD (JIDDA 2516).  
WHILE WE DEFER TO YOUR JUDGMENT ON TACTICS TO FOLLOW, WE

BELIEVE APPROACH COULD ALSO USEFULLY BE MADE TO PRINCE  
FAHD AND PERHAPS KAMAL ADHAM AND PRINCE SULTAN AFTER  
LATTER RETURNS FROM HIS TRIP TO THE YAR. KISSINGER

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